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UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE BRUSH

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Down sited the snowflakes on Wood-

land near the Orange Mountains.

There Uncle Wiggly had built his hor-

row stump bungalow.

"My! This is quite a storm!" said

the bunny rabbit gentleman, as he

hopped along, turning the collar of his

fur coat up around his neck to keep

the white flakes off his ears. "It is snowing

harder every minute!"

Finally he reached home, tramping up

the steps, knocking the snow off his

paws so he wouldn't track it in on

Nurse Jane's clean floors. And as the

bunny opened the hall door he called

to his muskrat lady housekeeper:

"Please bring me a brush, Miss Fuzzy

Wuzzy!"

"A brush? Why do you want a brush,

Uncle Wiggly?" asked Nurse Jane.

"To brush the snowflakes off my fur

coat, so I will not drop them on your

floor," answered the bunny. "I know

you don't like to sweep up wet snow,

so I'll brush it off before I come in."

"That is very kind of you," said

Nurse Jane, and she brought the whisk

broom to the bunny rabbit, who soon

brushed off the snowflakes.

"My! But I'm glad to see you come

in out of the storm," said Miss Fuzzy

Wuzzy. "I was afraid you'd be lost in

a drift."

"Oh, it takes more than a snowstorm

to lose me," laughed Uncle Wiggly, whose

pink nose was almost red now on

account of Jack Frost having tried to

nip it.

The bunny rabbit gentleman was just

taking off his fur coat when the tele-

phone rang in the hollow stump bungalow.

"I hope that isn't anyone wanting

you to go out in the storm," said Mr.

Longears, as Nurse Jane went to see

what it was ringing.

"It's for you, Uncle Wiggly," she an-

nounced, handing him the talking ma-

chine. And then the bunny said:

"Hello! Oh, what's that? Why, yes,

of course I'll come over! I'll be there

right away!"

"You're not going out, are you?"

asked Nurse Jane as she saw Uncle

Wiggly stop taking off his fur coat

and beginning to button it up again.

"I'm going over to Grandpa Goosey

Gander's," answered the long-eared

gentleman bunny. "He is the loneliest-

he can't go out on account of the storm,

and he wants me to come over and play

Scotch checkers."

"But you aren't going in all this snow,

are you?" asked Nurse Jane.

"Yes, I think I shall," Uncle Wiggly

answered. "I'm not afraid of the snow,

and I'll take the whisk broom with me

to dust the snowflakes off before I go

in Grandpa Goosey's pen house. Yes,

I'm going."

Nurse Jane knew it would do no good

to try to stop Uncle Wiggly. So she

got him out a fresh pair of red mittens

and a dry scarf for his neck and then,

when he had put the brush broom in his

pocket, away he started out into the

storm again.

Uncle Wiggly was almost half way

to Grandpa Goosey Gander's pen house,

and the snowflakes were coming down

thick and fast, just as they do when

Santa Claus rides through them in his

reindeer sled, when, all of a sudden, the

bunny saw something bounce out of a

drift in front of him, and a voice cried:

"Hold on! Wait a minute!"

Uncle Wiggly stopped, not knowing

what it was, and he was just going to

ask, for the snow was so thick that he

could scarcely see, when the voice went

on:

"I hope you brought your ousie with

you?"

"Oh, dear! Are you the Pipsleewah

again?" asked the rabbit gentleman.

"No, I'm his friend, the Skeezicks,"

was the answer. "But it is all the same

as far as your ousie goes."

"I wish it didn't have to go!" sadly

said the bunny gentleman.

"Well, then," growled the Skeezicks,

giving himself a shake. "Dear

me! he grumbled, "these snowflakes

do stick to me so! I wish I could get

them off. I don't like snowflakes on

me when I'm going to nibble bunny

ousie."

Uncle Wiggly thought of the snow-

flakes that he had brushed off himself.

He felt the whisk broom in his fur

coat pocket, and he thought:

"Oh, maybe if I brush the snow-

flakes off the back of the Skeez it will

make him kind and good and he won't

nibble me. I'll try it."

Quickly taking out the short, stiff

whisk broom, Uncle Wiggly began to

brush the Skeezicks.

"Ouch! Stop! What are you doing?"

asked the bad chap, squirming and

squirming.

"I'm brushing you with the brush

broom," answered the bunny. "It's the

only way to get the snowflakes off,"

and he brushed harder than ever.

"Ouch! Wound! Oh, now you stop!

Oh, how you tickle-ickie-me!" gasped

the Skeezicks, going off into fits of

laughter. The longer Uncle Wiggly

brushed the more the Skeez laughed,

until at last he laughed himself into a

convulsion.

"Well, I guess now's my time to run,"

said the bunny, and away he ran, brush

and all, throwing the snow and the

Skeez was tickled so much and was

laughing so hard he couldn't chase after

Mr. Longears.

Then the rabbit gentleman safely

reached Grandpa Goosey's house and,

after brushing the snowflakes off his

fur coat, he went in and played hop-

scotch with the loneome goose. And

they had lots of fun. So, if the football

doesn't lick one of its shoes off over

in the parrot's cage and make the

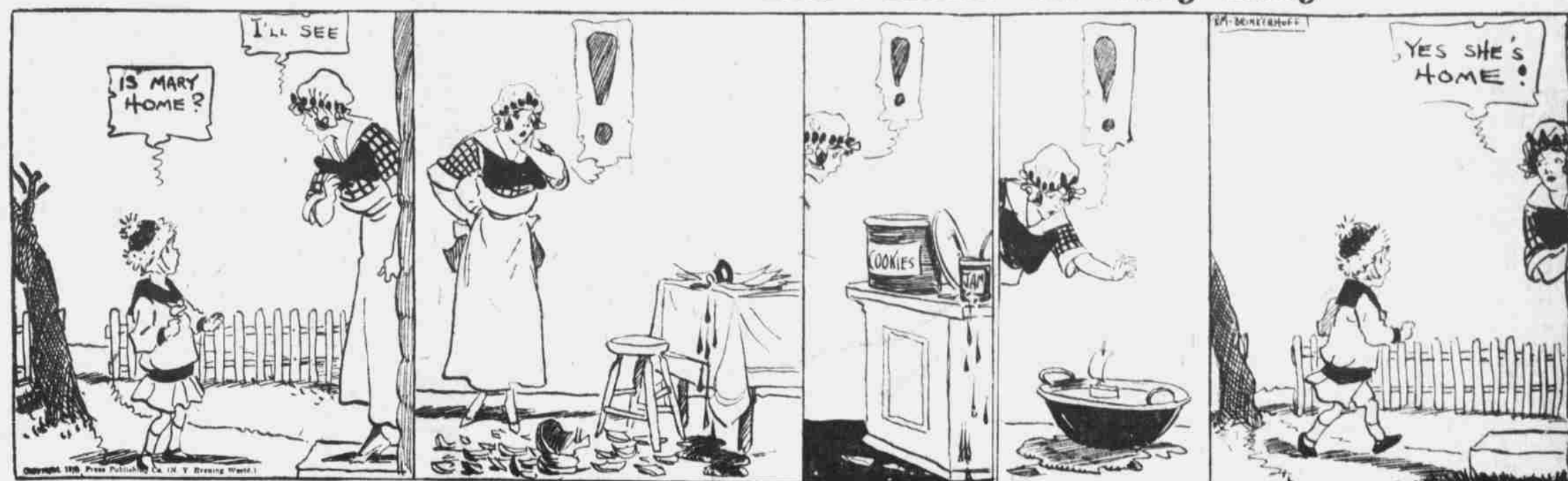
goldfish think it's raining, I'll tell you

next about Uncle Wiggly and the

comb.



LITTLE MARY MIXUP—She's Home—an' Very Busy



THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY—Cheer Up, Luke, Cuba's but a Hop Away



JOE'S CAR—And Besides, Joe Didn't Specify Hot Air



STARS INCLINE HOROSCOPE FOR THE COMING DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1932.

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Mercury rules strongly for good this

day and Venus is friendly, according to

astrology, but again Saturn and Uranus

hold evil sway.

It is a day favorable for what is

written, whether in the form of ser-

mons or letters.

There is a lucky sign for the making

of estimates and the outlining of plans.

Ministers should benefit, since the

stars indicate a receptive attitude of

mind on the part of the audience.

Church unions and co-operations are

subject to the best influences making

for larger efforts on the part of the

buildings and properties owned by de-

nomination.

There are to be religious dissensions

and controversies as well as coalitions.

One of these will affect political suc-

cesses and have weight in coming cam-

paigns.

Venus is in a place most fortunate

for the ambitions of women, who will

make great progress in all lines of busi-

ness. One will receive an appointment

that breaks all precedents.

Organizations in which women will

focus their strength on nation-wide

movements are foretold.

This should be a most auspicious rule

for lovers even though there is an as-

pect that warns against deception.

Marriages will decrease slightly from

this date until late in the spring, owing

to economic problems, astrologers pre-

dict.

Agitation over a problem that affects

the Philippines and Hawaii is fore-

shadowed.

Greater liberality toward Sunday

amusements is prognosticated. This

will probably mean the opening of

theaters in certain cities where blue

laws prevail.

A planetary aspect read as presaging

the growth of community centers or

places of assembly where public

questions are discussed will be strong

this influence.

Persons whose birthdate it is will

have a year of success in business, but

they should guard against health

changes will not be fortunate.

Children born on this day are likely

to be very clever but exceeding in-

dividual. These subjects of Capricorn

with Saturn as principal ruling planet

usually love luxury.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1932.

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Astrologers read this as a fortunate

day. Jupiter is in a strongly benefic

aspect and Venus is friendly.

This is a most auspicious day for

business initiative of any sort. Many

enterprises will unite for foreign de-

velopment, the stars foretell.

Commerce has the promise of in-

creased demand for American products,

but there is likely to be difficulty over

our merchant marine.

Ship building comes under a plan-

etary government that is held to be dis-

counting on account of cost and other

unfortunate causes.

Education has the best sort of a di-

rection of the stars and again a close

alliance between colleges and govern-

ment activities is prophesied.

Venus smiles on the theater during

this way, which should be very lucky

for the first night.

Players partake of the kindly aid of

Venus and should find that conditions

are particularly favorable for promot-

ing personal success.

All the signs give promise of progress

for women who will make their power

felt in many reform movements.

Musicians continue under a rule that

should bring them success and popular-

ity.

Notwithstanding admonitions to save,

Americans will spend much money for

jewels of every sort this year, just as

they spent it last year. The wearing

of rings will attain a new vogue.

Teachers of new cuts will multiply

toward the end of the year. One of these

will advocate dress reform that is novel

and economical.

As the year advances changes due to

the world war will be more apparent

than they have been and these will in-

volve changes in manners and attire.

Again the passing of old leaders and

the rise of new ones is prognosticated.

One of the signs of the times will be

the sudden achievements of fame.

Persons whose birthdate it is have

the forecast of a year of activity,

good fortune. Speculation will not be

successful.

Children born on this day are likely

to have happy, prosperous lives in

which they easily attain their hearts'

desires.

Twice Told Tales

News of Memphis

10 Years Ago.

JANUARY 3, 1920.

Every kind of meat for sale in the

butcher shops of the United States has

been raised in price to the consumer in

the past 10 years and in some cases

have trebled. President Taft said in

a speech in Chicago. He points out that

bacon sold in 1910 at 12 cents a pound;

in 1920 it is bringing 36 cents; uterine

steak in 1910 brought 12 cents, while

in 1920 it is bringing 36 cents, and other

meats in proportion.

Frank T. Hawley, president of the

Switchmen's union, announced that

there would be a general strike of

switchmen in America this week. The

miners, it is said, have declared they

would "hands off" in the switchmen's

strike if it occurs.

Mr. M. Goldman took office as super-

intendent of the city health department,

Dr. J. L. Andrews deciding not to con-

tinue the office.

James F. Williams was chosen chair-

man of the county court, and George

C. Coleman, vice-chairman. A. G. Kim-

brough, the retiring chairman, was pre-

sented with a handsome silver table

set by his friends in the court.

Tony Canarotto has been re-elected

justice of the courthouse. Tony will

News of Memphis

25 Years Ago.

JANUARY 3, 1895.

The damage suit of Dr. J. A. Battle

against the Memphis Street Railway

company was settled out of court, the

company agreeing to pay him \$9,00